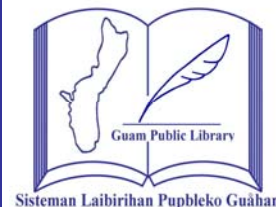


Guam Public Library System

A Report To Our Citizens



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Mission Statement

Serving Guam residents since 1949, the Guam Public Library System mission is to provide free and open access to information and ideas fundamental to a democracy. The library system will protect intellectual freedom, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and maintain cultural materials.

GOALS

1. Seek to understand the informational, educational, and recreational needs of all the people of Guam in accordance with the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements within the limits imposed by budget and space;
2. Extend library resources into the community to assist individuals and groups with special needs;
3. Work cooperatively with other island libraries in providing information to the public;
4. Pursue opportunities through new technologies to deliver information more quickly and efficiently.

ABOUT THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

- ◇ The Guam Public Library System (GPLS) officially opened January 31, 1949.
- ◇ Provides library service to all residents on Guam, a United States Territory. The Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library is the Main Library and is centrally located in Hagåtña, which is also the capitol of Guam.
- ◇ GPLS also consists of 5 library branches located in certain villages (*"village" – small island communities*) on island to accommodate the island's communities in the northern (Dededo), central (other than Main Library-Hagåtña, GPLS Archival Center in Barrigada, and southern (Agat, Merizo, Yona) areas.
- ◇ The original collection had 13,000 books, mostly from deactivated Navy libraries and a donation from the Los Angeles Public Library.
- ◇ The Library was originally in two quonset huts near the Agana Azotea and opened only 20 hours per week with only 3 staff.
- ◇ 1951, began a Guam Collection.
- ◇ 1953, Bookmobile service began, reaching remote villages using a panel truck.
- ◇ 1954, the Library became an independent government agency, no longer a part of the Department of Education.
- ◇ January 1960, the Library moved out of its quonset huts into the first floor of what had been the Guam Administration Building.
- ◇ Growth continued in 1968 with acquisition of the 2nd floor and the addition of air conditioning. In 1979, the third floor of the N. M. Flores Memorial Public Library was completed transforming the structure to what it is today.
- ◇ Branches open: Agat and Dededo Libraries completed in 1968; Barrigada Library in 1970; Merizo Library in 1974; and the Yona Library completed in 1993.
- ◇ Reorganization Advisory No. 6 (10-6-2011) GPLS merged into the Department of Chamorro Affairs.
- ◇ Executive Order No. 2019-17 signed by Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero rescinded Reorganization Advisory No. 6 in its entirety on June 21, 2019.

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STAFFING

The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs is designated as Acting Director for the Guam Public Library System and works closely with the employees of GPLS. To date, GPLS has 18 full-time staff members consisting of an Administrative Officer, Administrative Assistant, Clerk Typist III, Administrative Aide, Library Technician Supervisor, a Bookmobile Driver, Library Technicians I & II and Building Custodians.

Performance Reports

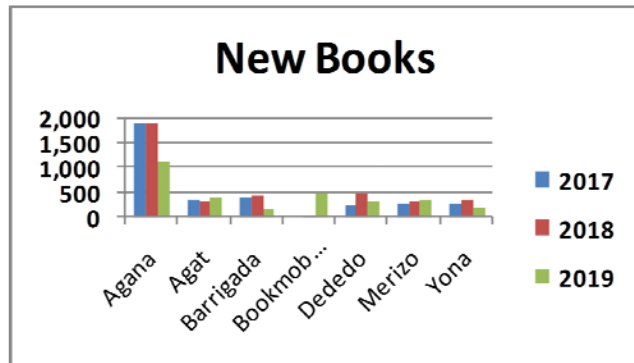
Registration

Branch	2017	2018	2019
Agana	1135	1080	791
Agat	74	79	122
Barrigada	31	23	22
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	64	51	37
Merizo	1	9	42
Yona	11	21	34
	1,316	1,263	1048



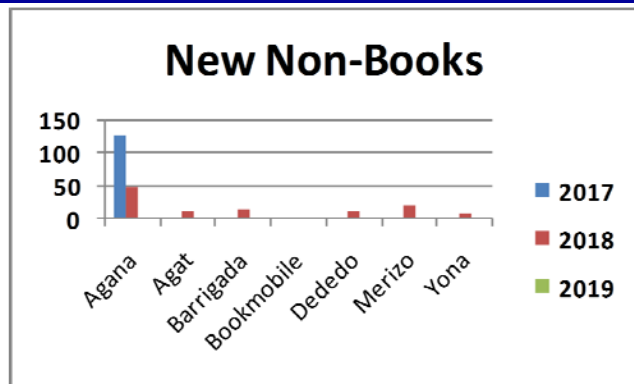
New Books Processed

Branch	2017	2018	2019
Agana	1,874	1897	1,127
Agat	345	325	380
Barrigada	406	455	141
Bookmobile	0	49	490
Dededo	258	490	315
Merizo	272	322	353
Yona	275	373	212
	3,430	3,911	3,018



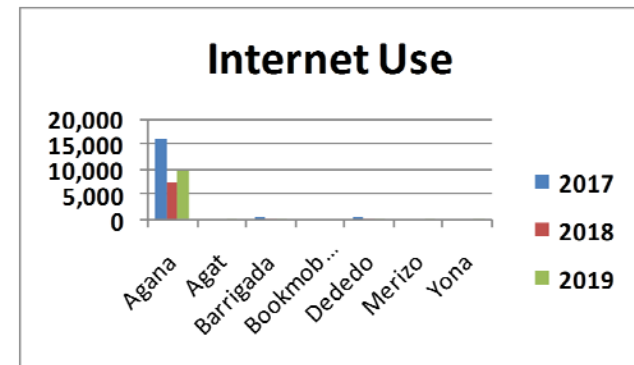
New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2017	2018	2019
Agana	126	47	0
Agat	1	13	0
Barrigada	1	16	0
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	1	12	0
Merizo	1	20	0
Yona	1	9	0
	131	108	0



Internet Use

Branch	2017	2018	2019
Agana	15,973	7,590	9,595
Agat	174	98	87
Barrigada	894	471	97
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	873	229	272
Merizo	16	4	108
Yona	96	83	202
	18,026	8,475	



National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Talking Book Tapes / Digital Talking Books / Braille Books

2017 2,865
2018 2,723
2019 1,135

Guam Special Collections Legislative Documents / Vertical Files / Photographs / Periodicals

2017 11,109
2018 4,029
2019 2,703

U.S. Federal Government Depository CFR / Federal Register / Congressional Records / Serials / CD-Roms / Papers, etc.

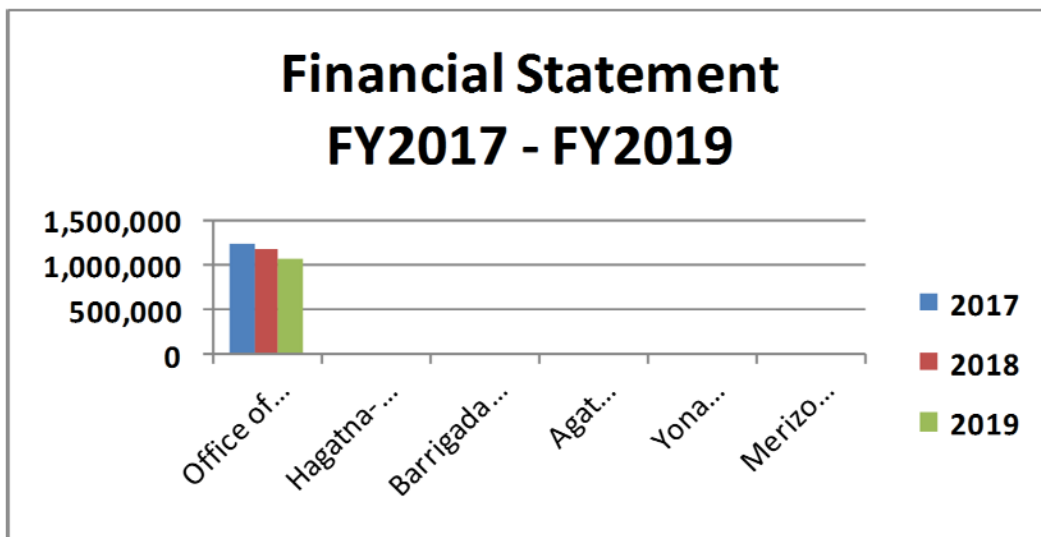
2017 803
2018 817
2019 589

Financial Reports

Guam Public Library System

Audited Financial Statements as of 09/30/2017

	2019	2018	2017
Office of the Director	1,217,900	1,169,587	1,063,550
Hagatna-Dededo Library	0	0	0
Barrigada Library	0	0	0
Agat Library	0	0	0
Yona Library	0	0	0
Merizo Library	0	0	0
Total:	1,217,900	1,169,587	1,063,550



Guam Public Library System

Budget - Territorial Education Facilities Fund

Year Ended September 30, 2019

Budget Amounts

Office of the Director	\$	1,217,900.00
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Upcoming Future Outlooks



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FUTURE OUTLOOK

- ◇ The Guam Public Library System (GPLS) Five-Year Plan and Technology Plan are plans used when implementing programs at GPLS.
- ◇ It is GPLS' continued goal to promote and encourage literacy to the community beginning with the young (children, teens and young adults), adults and the elderly.
- ◇ GPLS continues to build its literacy programs and enhancing its library programs and services by having more resources through grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the GPLS major grantor.
- ◇ Grants have provided the GPLS with the resources to update its computer hardware/software, purchase new library furniture, purchase new books and other library resources and library supplies.
- ◇ GPLS is understaffed. Other Employees are used in order to do work for positions that are unfilled. Having these positions filled would greatly contribute to improving time management and the processing of library materials.